

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 10-13.

In order to expedite the issuance of the allowable claims, Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form, incorporating subject matter from Claims 1 and 5-7 (with minor modifications not affecting allowability). Claims 11-13 have been editorially revised, and the remaining claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and without acceding to the outstanding rejections.


New Claim 21 has been added dependent from Claim 10 and is believed to be allowable based at least on the allowability of Claim 10.

Applicants respectfully request that this case now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10260) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing

of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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